

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Verification, Consolidation, and Approval of
Costs and Revenues in the Transition Revenue
Account.

Application 98-07-003
(Implementation of
Suspension of Direct
Access and Other Matters)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SUBMITTING
ISSUE OF DIRECT ACCESS SUSPENSION AND
SETTING OTHER MATTERS FOR HEARING**

After discussion at the prehearing conference of December 12, 2001,

IT IS RULED that:

1. The issues of implementation of the Commission's order suspending Direct Access (Decision 01-09-060) and whether to choose a date earlier than September 20, 2001 for the suspension to go into effect are submitted as of January 4, 2002, the date for filing supplemental comments.
2. The issue of the post-PX direct access credit, its calculation and implementation, and need for a hearing, will be discussed at the prehearing conference (PHC) set for 2:00 p.m. on January 23, 2002, in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.
3. The issue of the cost responsibility of direct access customers for Department of Water Resources' revenue requirement and the need for a hearing will be considered at the PHC to be held February 5, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San

Francisco, California. The parties are expected to have written proposals to submit at or before the PHC.

4. The issue of PROAC charges is Southern California Edison's only, and includes the issue of securitization of the recovery of the charges. A PHC will be held January 23, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California in conjunction with the PHC on the post-PX direct access credit.

The schedule for PROAC is:

January 8, 2002	- SCE serves testimony
January 22, 2002	- All parties serve rebuttal testimony
January 29-30, 2002	- Hearings in Commission Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA at 10:00 a.m.

5. Discovery by all parties is ongoing for items 2, 3, and 4 above.

Dated December 17, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ROBERT BARNETT

Robert Barnett
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Submitting Issue of Direct Access Suspension and Setting Other Matters for Hearing on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 17, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KRIS KELLER

Kris Keller

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